



## 2013 Seasonal Positions

USDA Forest Service, R-4 (Intermountain Region)  
Ashley National Forest, UT



The Ashley National Forest will be advertising and filling several Seasonal positions for the Vernal, Duchesne, Dutch John, and Manila, UT offices.

The Ashley National Forest is currently advertising temporary (three to six month) employment opportunities for the 2013 field season for a variety of positions. **It is recommended that you apply as soon as possible, as hiring will begin as early as March 1, 2013.**

The following positions are being advertised under the Nationwide Open Continuous Recruitment (OCR) announcements that can be found at [www.usajobs.com](http://www.usajobs.com). In order to be considered for the following jobs you **MUST** select the Duty Station of the position you are interested in to be considered.

**Archeological Technician (GS-0102-05/07);** (anticipate three positions, two GS-5's and one GS-7)

**OCR #'s:** [TEMPOCR-102-05-ARCH TECH-DT](#); [TEMPOCR-0102-7-ARCH TECH-DT](#)

Primary duties include archaeological survey, site documentation, and site monitoring. Candidates must be able to conduct fieldwork for long hours in rugged terrain in often remote areas during inclement weather and be able to carry equipment and supplies weighing up to 30 lbs. Equipment use will include topographic maps, GPS units, cameras, compass, and may be asked to drive UTV's, 4X4 trucks. Position may require overnights in the field.

**Duty Location:** Vernal, UT.

**Contact:** Jeff Rust; 435-781-5156; [jarust@fs.fed.us](mailto:jarust@fs.fed.us)

**Closing Date:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

**Biological Science Aid/Technician (GS-0404-03/04/05) Fisheries,** (anticipate two positions)

**OCR #'s:**

[TEMPOCR-0404-03-GEN-DT](#), [TEMPOCR-0404-04-FISH-DT](#), [TEMPOCR-0404-5-FISH-DT](#)

Fisheries Technician in Duchesne (two positions): The anticipated start date is early June 2013 with an expected end of season date of late September 2013. These positions will entail conducting aquatic species and habitat surveys. This will include surveys for amphibians, fish, and aquatic macroinvertebrates beginning in early June and continuing through August. Many survey locations will be accessed by hiking mountain trails to access high elevation basins within the High Uintas Wilderness. Surveys will require wading in streams and wetland areas to sample aquatic species and collect field data. Field work will typically be conducted with a crew of two technicians and/or the District Fisheries Biologist. Limited time working alone may be required. Access to survey locations will be by four-wheel drive truck and backpacking. Several trips of 4 - 5 days into the High Uintas Wilderness to access high elevation basins for surveys will require backpacking. Must possess a valid state driver's license and be able to hike up to 12 miles per day in rugged terrain carrying a 30 - 40 lb. backpack.

**Duty Location:** Duchesne, UT.

**Contact:** Ron Brunson; 435-781-5202; [rbrunson@fs.fed.us](mailto:rbrunson@fs.fed.us)

**Closing Date:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

**Biological Science Technician (GS-0404-04/05) Wildlife**, (anticipate four positions)

OCR #'s: [TEMPOCR-0404-4-WLDLF-DT](#); [TEMPOCR-0404-5-WLDLF-DT](#)

Three wildlife technicians for the 2013 summer field season for the Northern Goshawk Monitoring and Inventory Surveys. The northern goshawk is a management indicator species for the Ashley NF and is monitored yearly to assess the effects of forest management activities. Field work for this study will encompass monitoring northern goshawk territories in forest stands using an established monitoring protocol. This position involves performing nest checks, chick counts, and fledgling counts to known goshawk nests; goshawk inventory surveys using broadcast calling techniques; and conducting three-toed woodpecker and flammulated owl surveys to determine presence/absence of the species. Other activities involve nest searches, orienteering, raptor and songbird identification, and plant identification. GPS units and maps are used in the field for navigation to nest sites and calling stations. The duty station for this position will be located in Vernal, Utah but work locations will vary daily and will cover the entire forest. A vehicle will be provided for transportation from the duty station to field sites. Jean Ann Dalton is the point of contact for these positions. Anticipated start date for these positions is May 20<sup>th</sup> with an end date of August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Wildlife Technician in Duchesne (one position): The anticipated start date is late May 2013 with an expected end of season date of September 2013. This position will entail conducting wildlife species and habitat surveys. Surveys will require hiking/working outdoors independently and/or accompanied by the District Wildlife Biologist. Access to survey locations will be by four-wheel drive truck and backpacking. Several trips of 4-5 days into the High Uintas Wilderness to access high elevation basins for surveys will require backpacking. Must possess a valid state driver's license and be able to backpack up to 12 miles per day carrying a 30-40 lb. backpack. Bob Christensen is the point of contact for this position.

**Duty Location:** Vernal, UT and Duchesne, UT.

**Contacts:** Wildlife (Vernal) - northern goshawk project, Jean Ann Dalton 435-790-7020 or 208-879-4118; [jdalton@fs.fed.us](mailto:jdalton@fs.fed.us), Wildlife (Duchesne) - multi-species, Bob Christensen 435-781-5232 or 435-790-7010; [rchristensen@fs.fed.us](mailto:rchristensen@fs.fed.us)

**Closing Date:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

**Hydrologic Technician (GS-1316-04);** (anticipate one position)

[TEMPOCR-1316-4-HYDR TECH-DT](#)

This position serves as member of the watershed survey crew and will perform duties in support of the watershed program under the direction of the district hydrologist. Survey work will be conducted primarily over the Vernal Ranger District, but some work may occur on other districts. Tasks will include channel type and condition surveys, inventory of spring and groundwater dependent ecosystems, karst stream insurgence and resurgence characterization, water quality monitoring, watershed improvement need inventories related to system and non-system roads on the forest, wetland delineation, and stream and wetland restoration work. Other duties may be assigned as they occur. This position will work four days a week, 10 hours a day. Days will be spent in the field with some field locations requiring several miles of arduous cross-country hiking with heavy equipment. Position may require overnights in the field.

**Duty Location:** Vernal, UT.

**Contact:** Melissa Hendrickson; 435-781-5137; [mrhendrickson@fs.fed.us](mailto:mrhendrickson@fs.fed.us)

**Closing Date:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

**Forestry Aid/Technician (GS-0462-03/04) Recreation;** (anticipate 8 positions)

**OCR #'s:** [TEMPOCR-0462-03-GEN-DT](#); [TEMPOCR-462-04-REC-DT](#)

Recreation positions are field positions responsible for cleaning and maintaining recreation sites and restrooms, collecting data, contacting visitors, and providing other support to the forest's summer work. Positions will be located in Duchesne, Dutch John, Manila, and Vernal Utah.

A river ranger will also be hired to assist in managing the high level of use on the Green River and maintain river camps along the nonmotorized section of the river. Knowledge and skill in water safety and rowing will be necessary. The position is stationed in Dutch John.

Some duties of all positions will require hiking and travel across rough uneven terrain and navigating in unknown territory. Other specific skills are needed for each type of job; it is advisable to contact the recreation, trails, or wilderness staffs listed below to further clarify what will be expected for each position. A driver's license is required.

**Duty Locations:** Dutch John, Vernal, Duchesne, and Manila UT.

**Contacts:** Molly Ryan, 435-781-5282, [mollymryan@fs.fed.us](mailto:mollymryan@fs.fed.us) for Manila; Jason Osborne, 435-781-5245, [jdosborne@fs.fed.us](mailto:jdosborne@fs.fed.us) and Nanette Gale, 435-781-5242, [ngale@fs.fed.us](mailto:ngale@fs.fed.us) for Dutch John; Rene Arce, 435-781-5177, [rcarce@fs.fed.us](mailto:rcarce@fs.fed.us) for Vernal; Kim Bartel 435-781-5204, [kbartel@fs.fed.us](mailto:kbartel@fs.fed.us) and Robert Jessen 435-454-3628, [rjessen@fs.fed.us](mailto:rjessen@fs.fed.us) for Duchesne, Anita DeZort 435-781-5192, [adezort@fs.fed.us](mailto:adezort@fs.fed.us) Forest-wide.

**Closing Date:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

**Visitor Information Services-Interpretive GS-1001-5**

**OCR #** [TEMPOCR-1001-5-VIS-DT](#)

Temporary seasonal position. The Flaming Gorge Ranger District is looking for an enthusiastic and motivated individual to assist in the day to day operations at the Red Canyon Visitor Center, Swett Ranch Historic Homestead, and other visitor centers as needed. The position is based out of the Dutch John office in the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. We are looking for customer service oriented individual to answer the recreating public's questions, prepare and provide interpretive and conservational programs at various venues, assist in the supervision of volunteers, and other recreation support duties as assigned in support of the NRA's recreation program. The daily duties for this position include assisting with visitor center sales and inventory at the visitor center, collecting and analyzing recreational use data, training and supervision of volunteers, curator related duties, and provide interpretive services to the recreating public.

**Duty Location:** Dutch John, UT

**Contact:** Chris Nichols, 435-781-5241

**Closing Date:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

**Forestry Aid/Technician (GS-0462-03/04/05) Trails;** (anticipate 4 positions)

**OCR #:** [TEMPOCR-0462-03-GEN-DT](#); [TEMPOCR-0462-4-TRAILS-DT](#); [TEMPOCR-0462-5-TRAILS-DT](#);

This position serves as member of the trail crew performing duties in support of the trails program. Tasks will include using various tools and equipment to maintain and construct trails, install water-bars, and/or build rock walls and to move or transport personnel and equipment to project areas. Individuals may perform independently

or as a crew member in maintenance or reconstruction of trail improvement projects. Crew members will patrol trails to ensure they are operated, used, and maintained in accordance with forest standards. They will monitor and report on trail conditions. May be called upon to explain and enforce Forest rules and regulations. Other duties may be assigned as they occur. Uses tools such as chain saws, crosscut saws, adze, axes, and hand tools, and may operate ATV's, UTV's, 4X4 trucks and trailers. Position requires overnights in the field.

**Duty Location:** Positions available in Vernal, UT and Duchesne, UT.

**Contact:** Ryan Buerkle, 435-781-5114, [rjbuerkle@fs.fed.us](mailto:rjbuerkle@fs.fed.us).

**Closing Date:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

**Forestry Technician (GS-0462-03-04-05) Wilderness Trails** (anticipate 3 trails)

[TEMPOCR-0462-03-GEN-DT](#); [TEMPOCR-462-04-WLDN-DT](#); [TEMPOCR-462-05-WLDN-DT](#)

These are SEASONAL Temporary Wilderness Trails crew positions.

The anticipated start date is early June 2012 with an expected end of season date of September 2012. The selected individuals will serve as crewmembers on a four person wilderness trail crew. The trail crew works in the backcountry for eight consecutive days followed by 6 days off. Travel is usually on foot carrying a backpack that contains personal as well as work supplies and tools. Sixty to 70 pound loads plus tools would be considered average. Overnight stays involve camping in a tent. Some work may involve working with the District animal packer and stock (horses and mules) so familiarity with the use of riding and pack stock is beneficial. Most of the work will be in the High Uintas Wilderness, but may occur in non-Wilderness backcountry settings.

Trail crew members are expected to work as a close-knit team to perform a full range of trail construction and maintenance activities. Tasks will include using various tools and equipment such as chain saws, crosscut saws, adze, axes, rock bars and pulaski's to maintain and construct trails and trail structures. Trail crew members work in remote settings so a focus on personal as well as co-worker safety is essential. Individuals working on the trail crew can expect to perform daily arduous manual labor in a variety of weather conditions ranging from intense heat and sun to extreme cold with rain and snow at elevations ranging from 9000 to 13000 ft. Some gear such as tents, stoves, and water filters will be provided but crew members must have their own high quality outdoor gear such as hiking boots, rain gear, etc.

**Duty Location:** Duchesne, UT.

**Contacts:** Sandy Kaminski, 435-781-5221, [sbremundkaminski@fs.fed.us](mailto:sbremundkaminski@fs.fed.us)

**Closing Date:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

**Forestry Aid/Technician (Wilderness) (GS-0462-03/05) Wilderness Ranger** (anticipate 2 positions)

**OCR #'s:** [TEMPOCR-0462-03-GEN-DT](#)

**Note:** A single vacancy announcement for the GS-5 position is not yet available. Please contact Sandy Kaminski, 435-781-5221, [sbremundkaminski@fs.fed.us](mailto:sbremundkaminski@fs.fed.us), for updated information.

These are SEASONAL Temporary Wilderness Ranger positions.

The anticipated start date is early June 2013 with an expected end of season date of September 2013.

Wilderness Rangers work in the backcountry for eight consecutive days followed by six days off. Travel is usually on foot carrying a backpack that contains personal as well as work supplies and tools. Sixty to 70 pound loads would be considered average. Overnight stays involve camping in a tent. Most of the work will be in the High Uintas Wilderness, but may occur in non-Wilderness backcountry settings.

Duties include visitor information and education, enforcement of wilderness rules and regulations, trash collection, natural resource restoration and monitoring, and trail maintenance. Wilderness Rangers need to have good communication and interpersonal skills. Selected individuals may be required to attend a 40 hr Forest Protection Officer training in order to effectively enforce wilderness regulations. This would include issuing violation notices.

Wilderness Rangers need the skills and confidence to work alone in a Wilderness environment on multi-day assignments. Work will be in remote settings so a focus on personal as well as co-worker safety is essential. Individuals working as wilderness rangers can expect to perform daily arduous manual labor in a variety of weather conditions ranging from intense heat and sun to extreme cold with rain and snow at elevations ranging from 9000 to 13000 ft. Some gear such as tents, stoves, and water filters will be provided but crew members must have their own high quality outdoor gear such as hiking boots, rain gear, etc.

**Duty Locations:** Duchesne Ut.

**Contacts:** Sandy Kaminski, 435-781-5221, [sbremundkaminski@fs.fed.us](mailto:sbremundkaminski@fs.fed.us)

**Closing Date:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

**Visitor Information Services Assistant GS-1001-04** (anticipate one position)

**OCR #** [TEMPOCR-1001-4-VIS-DT](#)

Position provides visitor information services for the Flaming Gorge Ranger District. Specifically, the position performs routine, repetitive daily activities for visitor center operations including locking and unlocking visitor center facility, turning on and off power to all electrical exhibits and other facility systems, arming the security system, gathering and posting daily road, weather, and other visitor information reports. The position assists in conducting sales for the visitor center gift shop outlet. The position greets visitors and replies to inquiries requesting general information about Forest Service activities, programs and policies. The position distributes publications as requested by telephone and mail inquiries. The position also assists in the quarterly announcement of publications and communicates verbally and in writing regarding the availability of publications. Participates in and supports the completion of specific publication projects with vendors by supporting duties such as maintaining an inventory of publications. Assists in ordering journal reprints for distribution, maintains files of reprint orders and receipts, and maintains file of print orders for Forest Service publications. The work is sedentary. Typically, the employee sits comfortably to do the work. However, there may be some walking; standing; bending; carrying of light items such as papers, books, small parts; or driving an automobile, etc. No special physical demands are required to perform the work. The work environment involves everyday risks or discomforts which require normal safety precautions typical of such places as offices, meeting and training rooms, or libraries. The work area is adequately lighted, heated, and ventilated.

**Duty Location:** Manila, UT

**Contact:** Karen Kieborz 435-781-5265; [kkieborz@fs.fed.us](mailto:kkieborz@fs.fed.us)

**Closing Date:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

**Forestry Aid/Technician (GS-0462-03/04) Timber Sale Prep:** (anticipate 4 positions)

**OCR #:** [TEMPOCR-0462-03-GEN-DT](#); [TEMPOCR-0462-04-TSP-DT](#)

Takes and or records basic measurements such as compass readings, distance measurements, tree heights, tree diameters, tree growth, and determines common species. Receives training on marking trees for cutting using tools such as Spiegel Relaskop, clinometer, compass, chain, diameter tape, increment borer, electronic field data recorder, etc. Selects and marks individual trees for harvest using well defined marking guidelines, silvicultural prescriptions, and specific instruction. Estimates individual tree volume by established methods. Traverses harvest units, produces maps. Designates sale area and cutting unit boundaries on the ground.

**Duty location:** Vernal, UT.

**Contact:** Jim McRae, 435-781-5123, [jmmcrae@fs.fed.us](mailto:jmmcrae@fs.fed.us) Bryan Clark, 435-781-5139, [bryanclark@fs.fed.us](mailto:bryanclark@fs.fed.us)

**Closing Date:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013



**Road Crew Equipment Operator (WG-5716);** (anticipate one position)

**OCR #:** [TEMPOCR-5716-08-OPTR-DT](#)

Operation of heavy construction equipment such as graders, backhoes, dump trucks, and track-hoes to maintain Forest roads in remote locations on the Ashley National Forest. A valid CDL is highly recommended

**Duty location:** Vernal, UT.

**Contact:** Valton Mortenson, 435-781-5147, [vmortenson@fs.fed.us](mailto:vmortenson@fs.fed.us)

**Closing Date:** Feb. 1, 2013

**Road Crew Laborer (WG-3502);** (anticipate 3 positions)

**OCR #:** [TEMPOCR-3502-03-DT](#)

Perform annual maintenance on the Ashley National Forest road system and infrastructure. Ability to perform heavy labor and use heavy power equipment and common hand tools is required. The ability to work in small teams, safely and independently, in remote locations scattered across a large geographic area is required.

**Duty location:** Vernal, UT.

**Contact:** Valton Mortenson, 435-781-5147, [vmortenson@fs.fed.us](mailto:vmortenson@fs.fed.us)

**Closing Date:** Feb. 1, 2013

**Engineering Intern (GS-802) Civil;** (anticipate one position)

**OCR #:** [TEMPOCR-0802-4-CIV-ENG-DT](#)

The position will inspect construction projects, work with the engineering staff on design, survey, and preparation of drawings using AutoCad, inventory and replace road signs, install and monitor traffic counters, inspect roads and facilities and perform other related tasks.

**Duty location:** Vernal, UT.

**Contact:** Lance Valentine, 435-781-5113, [lvalentine@fs.fed.us](mailto:lvalentine@fs.fed.us)

**Closing Date:** Feb. 1, 2013

**Range Technician (GS 0455-03-04-05)** (anticipate one position)

**OCR #** [TEMPOCR-0455-03-RANGE-DT](#), [TEMPOCR-0455-4-RANGE-DT](#), [TEMPOCR-0455-5-RANGE-DT](#)

The anticipated start date is late May 2012 with an expected end of season date of September 2012. This position entails spraying noxious weeds in remote locations in the Uinta Mountains - access is by four-wheel drive truck, ATV, or horseback - involves proper training/safe use of pesticides. The position will work four days a week, 10 hours a day for a 40 hour week. Previous certification to spray weeds is a plus.

**Duty location:** Duchesne, UT

**Contact:** Amber Helmus, 435-781-5205, [ahelmus@fs.fed.us](mailto:ahelmus@fs.fed.us)

**Closing Date:** March 1, 2013

**Housing:** Seasonal government housing facilities are available in Vernal, Manila, Dutch John, Altonah (Duchesne RD). Housing is limited at all these locations and will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact hiring managers associated with the position you are interested in for further information on housing availability.

## **About the Forest**

Ashley National Forest has its headquarters in [Vernal](#), Utah; it comprises 1.3 million acres located in the northeastern portion of [Utah](#) and southwestern portion of Wyoming. National Forest System lands are located in three major areas: the northern and southern slopes of the Uinta Mountains, the Wyoming Basin, and the Tavaputs Plateau.

The Ashley National Forest is bordered by the Uintah and Ouray Ute Indian Reservation, the Uinta and Wasatch-Cache National Forests, private property, and lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and State of Utah. Dinosaur National Monument is located approximately 10 miles east of the Forest.

The Ashley National Forest was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908. Its forest and range lands are protected and managed to ensure timber, grazing, minerals, water, and outdoor recreation for the American people.

The vast Uinta Mountains watershed within the Forest boundary provides vital water supplies for power, industry, farm, and city use in Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, and California. Sheep, cattle, and horses graze under permit on over a half million acres of the Forest each season. Timber is managed in harmony with other resources to insure a continuing supply and a quality environment. Over 2.5 million visitors come to the Forest each year to participate in outstanding outdoor recreation activities, such as boating, fishing, camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling.

Forest landscape ranges from high desert country to high mountain areas. The elevation varies from a low of 6,000 feet to a high of 13,528 feet above sea level at the summit of Kings Peak.

Topographical diversity and intensive land management has served to protect the visual quality on the Forest. The existing vegetation patterns and the geological formations further add to the aesthetic value. The Forest boundaries include places such as the Sheep Creek Geological Area, the High Uinta Wilderness area, the Green River, and the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area.

## **About Duchesne, Utah**

Duchesne is the gateway to the Uintah Basin. It is a fast growing community with a high quality of life. Duchesne is located about two and half hours East of Salt Lake City, Utah. Duchesne is shadowed by the beautiful Uintah Mountains. Starvation State Park/Reservoir is located just outside of the city limits. Duchesne is the county seat and there is a new Justice Center, which houses the Sheriff's Department and Court personnel. Other county agencies operate out of Duchesne. The main street in Duchesne is U.S. Highway 40, which is one of the main routes between Denver, Colorado and Salt Lake City, Utah. Main Street was recently renovated to include, brick sidewalks, unique gas lamp style lighting, park benches and shrubbery.

## **About Vernal, Utah**

Vernal has a population of approximately 8,000 people and the surrounding Uinta Basin population is approximately 20,000 according to 2000 census bureau data. The Uinta Basin is greatly influenced by the oil and gas industry, which is in the middle of a job boom, so the population numbers have noticeably increased over the past 6 years. Vernal is situated in northeast Utah about 35 minutes from the Colorado border (and Dinosaur National Monument) and 1.5 hours south of the Wyoming border. Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area on the Ashley National Forest is a neighboring district that is a good reference point for locating the area since it is easily discernable on most maps. Vernal is approximately 2 hours from ski resorts such as Park City, UT and Steamboat Springs, CO; and approximately 2.5 to 3 hours from cities along the Wasatch front like Salt Lake City and Provo, UT. The Vernal area has year-round recreation throughout the Uinta Mountains and Uinta Basin including fishing, hiking, mountain biking, whitewater rafting, motorized and non-motorized boating,

camping, hunting, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and more. Vernal city has recreation leagues for sports such as basketball, softball, volleyball, tennis, soccer, and other activities like yoga and table tennis. For more information go to: <http://www.vernalchamber.com/>

### **About Manila, and Dutch John, Utah**

Daggett County has two towns, Manila and Dutch John, each with a year-round population of about 200. On busy summer holiday weekends the population can swell to 75,000. Manila is a popular summer home area and is becoming increasingly popular as a summer retirement destination. Essential services are available; such as, groceries, fuel, lodging dining, ambulance, preventive healthcare, and law enforcement. A wider variety of services are available within 50 miles.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

These appointments are temporary seasonal positions. The vacancy announcements/OCR's are posted on USAJOBS at [www.usajobs.gov/](http://www.usajobs.gov/).

To apply for a job, there are four basic steps:

1. Create an account - Enter your profile information and create a resume. Please note that you do not need to create a "My Account" to search for jobs, but you must create an account to apply for jobs online. You will need to request a user ID and password. Allow yourself at least two days before the application deadline to complete this process to ensure you have time to get your application submitted.
2. Search jobs - Use basic search to enter in job and location keyword information from the USAJOBS home page or the advanced search function. Review the job opportunity announcements and note those of interest. Carefully review the "Qualification and Evaluation" section to determine whether you will qualify for the position. **You must identify Vernal, Manila, Duchesne, or Dutch John, UT as locations specific to the above listed positions.**
3. Apply for jobs - Carefully follow the instructions in the "How to Apply" section for each announcement. Submit any additional documentation to verify your qualifications such as transcripts, SF-50 Notification of Personnel Action, and/or Veterans' Form DD-214. You may store up to five uploaded or "resume builder" created resumes.
4. Manage Your Career - Log into your account to obtain application status for positions for which you have applied. Contact the agency for specific follow-up questions or those related to the particular job. The agency contact information is listed on the right hand side of the announcement.